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Public Act No. 18-42

AN ACT CONCERNING THE FAILURE TO FILE FOR CERTAIN GRAND LIST EXEMPTIONS, VALIDATING A CONNECTICUT GREEN BANK AGREEMENT AND CERTAIN ACTIONS OF THE CITY OF DERBY, CONCERNING PAYMENT OF A GRANT-IN-AID TO THE TOWN OF DARIEN AND THE CRITERIA OF CERTAIN MEMBERS OF SCHOOL GOVERNANCE COUNCILS AND EXTENDING A PROVISION CONCERNING REEMPLOYMENT OF CERTAIN TEACHERS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. (*Effective July 1, 2018*) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (76) of section 12-81 of the general statutes, any person otherwise eligible for a 2016 grand list exemption pursuant to said subdivision (76) in the city of New Britain, except that such person failed to file the required exemption application within the time period prescribed, shall be regarded as having filed said application in a timely manner if such person files said application not later than thirty days after the effective date of this section, and pays the late filing fee pursuant to section 12-81k of the general statutes. Upon confirmation of the receipt of such fee and verification of the exemption eligibility of the machinery and equipment included in such application, the assessor shall approve the exemption for such property. If taxes have been paid on the property for which such exemption is approved, the city of New Britain shall reimburse such person in an amount equal to

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the amount by which such taxes exceed the taxes payable if the application had been filed in a timely manner.

Sec. 2. (*Effective July 1, 2018*) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (76) of section 12-81 of the general statutes, any person otherwise eligible for a 2016 grand list exemption and a 2017 grand list exemption pursuant to said subdivision (76) in the town of Bristol, except that such person failed to file the required exemption applications within the time period prescribed, shall be regarded as having filed said applications in a timely manner if such person files said applications not later than thirty days after the effective date of this section and pays the late filing fees pursuant to section 12-81k of the general statutes. Upon confirmation of the receipt of such fees and verification of the exemption eligibility of the machinery and equipment included in such applications, the assessor shall approve the exemptions for such property. If taxes have been paid on the property for which such exemptions are approved, the town of Bristol shall reimburse such person in an amount equal to the amount by which such taxes exceed the taxes payable if the applications had been filed in a timely manner.

Sec. 3. (*Effective July 1, 2018*) Notwithstanding the provisions of subparagraph (B) of subdivision (74) of section 12-81 of the general statutes, any person otherwise eligible for a 2016 grand list exemption pursuant to said subdivision (74) in the town of Wallingford, except that such person failed to file the required exemption application within the time period prescribed, shall be regarded as having filed said application in a timely manner if such person files said application not later than thirty days after the effective date of this section and pays the late filing fee pursuant to section 12-81k of the general statutes. Upon confirmation of the receipt of such fee and verification of the exemption eligibility of the vehicle included in such application, the assessor shall approve the exemption for such property. If taxes

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have been paid on the property for which such exemption is approved, the town of Wallingford shall reimburse such person in an amount equal to the amount by which such taxes exceed the taxes payable if the application had been filed in a timely manner.

Sec. 4. (*Effective July 1, 2018*) Notwithstanding the provisions of subparagraph (A) of subdivision (7) of section 12-81 of the general statutes and section 12-87a of the general statutes, any person otherwise eligible for a 2016 grand list exemption and a 2017 grand list exemption pursuant to said subdivision (7) in the city of Norwich, except that such person failed to file the required statements within the time period prescribed, shall be regarded as having filed such statements in a timely manner if such person files such statements not later than thirty days after the effective date of this section, and pays the late filing fees pursuant to section 12-87a of the general statutes. Upon confirmation of the receipt of such fees and verification of the exemption eligibility of such property, the assessor shall approve the exemptions for such property. If taxes, interest or penalties have been paid on the property for which such exemptions are approved, the city of Norwich shall reimburse such person in an amount equal to the amount by which such taxes, interest and penalties exceed any taxes payable if the statements had been filed in a timely manner.

Sec. 5. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding subsection (f) of section 16-245mm of the general statutes, the obligation of the Connecticut Green Bank to make basic rental payments, consisting of a principal component and an interest component, under the equipment lease-purchase agreement entered into by said bank in December, 2017, for the installation of solar equipment at various locations of the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities, may be secured by a special capital reserve fund, provided said bank obtains the approvals described in said subsection after the issuance of such obligation and notwithstanding that such obligation is set forth in the form of a lease

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agreement.

Sec. 6. (*Effective from passage*) All acts, votes and proceedings of the board of aldermen and officers and officials of the city of Derby on and after April 27, 2017, pertaining to the Personal Services Agreement CPAP 2017-04 between the city of Derby and the state of Connecticut for the Atlantic Field Project DEPA00029210012, are validated. The Office of Policy and Management shall pay the city of Derby eighty-nine thousand nine hundred six dollars and fifty cents as a grant-in-aid for the purpose of reimbursing the city for four invoices for goods and services rendered prior to September 2, 2017, in reliance on said Personal Services Agreement for said project.

Sec. 7. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of contracts 14208 and 14209 between the town of Darien and the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management shall pay, from the small town economic assistance program established pursuant to section 4-66g of the general statutes, the amount of four hundred sixty-four thousand two hundred eighty-nine dollars as a grant-in-aid to the town of Darien for the purpose of reimbursing the town for the cost of dredging Gorham Pond on the Goodwives River, the installation of a fish ladder and repairs to the Upper Gorham Pond dam.

Sec. 8. Subdivisions (1) and (2) of subsection (b) of section 10-223j of the general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2018*):

(b) (1) The school governance council for a high school shall consist of (A) seven members who shall be [parents or guardians of students] any parent or guardian of a student attending the school, regardless of such parent or guardian's status as a public official. (B) two members who shall be community leaders within the school district, (C) five members who shall be teachers at the school, (D) one nonvoting

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member who is the principal of the school, or his or her designee, and (E) two nonvoting student members who shall be students at the school. The parent or guardian members shall be elected by the parents or guardians of students attending the school, provided, for purposes of the election, each household with a student attending the school shall have one vote. The community leader members shall be elected by the parent or guardian members and teacher members of the school governance council. The teacher members shall be elected by the teachers of the school. The nonvoting student members shall be elected by the student body of the school.

(2) The school governance council for an elementary or a middle school shall consist of (A) seven members who shall be [parents or guardians of students] any parent or guardian of a student attending the school, regardless of such parent or guardian's status as a public official, (B) two members who shall be community leaders within the school district, (C) five members who shall be teachers at the school, and (D) one nonvoting member who is the principal of the school, or his or her designee. The parent or guardian members shall be elected by the parents or guardians of students attending the school, provided, for purposes of the election, each household with a student attending the school shall have one vote. The community leader members shall be elected by the parent or guardian members and teacher members of the school governance council. The teacher members shall be elected by the teachers of the school.

Sec. 9. Subsection (a) of section 10-183v of the 2018 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(a) (1) Except as provided in subdivisions (2) and (3) of this subsection and subsection (b) of this section, a teacher receiving retirement benefits from the system may not be employed in a teaching position receiving compensation paid out of public money

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appropriated for school purposes except that such teacher may be employed in such a position and receive no more than forty-five per cent of the maximum salary level for the assigned position. Any teacher who receives in excess of such amount shall reimburse the board for the amount of such excess.

(2) Commencing July 1, 2016, to June 30, [2018] 2020, inclusive, the provisions of subdivision (1) of this subsection establishing a limitation on the compensation of a reemployed teacher and requiring the reimbursement of any amount received in excess of that limitation shall not apply to a teacher who (A) is receiving retirement benefits from the system based on thirty-four or more years of credited service, (B) is reemployed as a teacher in a district designated as an alliance district pursuant to section 10-262u, and (C) was serving as a teacher in that district on July 1, 2015.

(3) On and after July 1, 2016, a teacher receiving retirement benefits from the system may be employed in a teaching position and receive (A) compensation paid out of public money appropriated for school purposes, (B) health insurance benefits, and (C) other employment benefits provided to active teachers employed by such school system, provided such teacher does not receive a retirement income during such employment. Payment of such teacher's retirement income shall resume on the first day of the month following the termination of such employment. The compensation under subparagraph (A) of this subdivision shall be provided in accordance with subsection (c) of this section.

(4) Notice of employment under this subsection shall be sent to the board by the employer at the beginning and end of the school year, or assignment within the school year when reemployed for less than the full school year.

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